

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 • 9:00 a.m. • Room W025 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting

9:05 2. Compensation of State Employees Studies

Employee salary and benefits make up an average of approximately 16 percent of the operating budget of the state. The Department of Human Resource Management annually conducts salary market comparison studies used to help evaluate salary adjustment needs. This information enables the department to make better strategic decisions for possible salary/benefits adjustments. What are the findings and recommendations of this year's studies?

- Jeff Herring, Department of Human Resource Management
- Debbie Price, Department of Human Resource Management

9:35 3. Access to Voter Registration Date of Birth Information (draft legislation)

Section 63-2-301 of the Utah Code provides that voter registration records are public. An exception is made for a voter's driver license number, ID card number, and Social Security number, which are classified as private under Subsection 63-2-302(1)(i). The county clerks and the lieutenant governor's office have requested that this issue be examined to determine whether additional GRAMA (Government Records Access and Management Act) protections are appropriate for date of birth information provided during voter registration. After hearing testimony on this issue at the May 16 meeting, the Committee asked for more information regarding other state's practices and the relationship of this information to identity theft. Should the Committee recommend legislation to classify certain voter's date of birth information as protected or private under GRAMA? What do other states do?

10:25 4. Election Law Changes (draft legislation)

During the July 18 meeting, the Committee considered draft legislation making technical changes to the election code. The Committee also voted to have draft legislation prepared to allow members of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to administer oaths for election purposes and to establish uniform dates and monetary thresholds for entities making political expenditures. The Committee will consider the draft legislation.

- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

11:15 5. Notary Seal Issues (draft legislation)

Section 46-1-3 of the Utah Code requires the lieutenant governor to commission qualified applicants as a notary to perform legal notary acts including acknowledgments, copy certifications, jurats, and oaths or affirmations. The lieutenant governor has requested changes to the Notaries Public Reform Act related to a change of address of a notary and identification which patrons are required to present to a notary. What are these changes? How should the Committee respond to these changes?

- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

11:30 6. Recodification of Title 63, State Affairs in General -- Update

During the June 20 meeting, the Committee voted to begin the work of recodifying Title 63, "State Affairs in General." As reported in the September 19 meeting, the bill is currently 3,093 pages and is primarily a renumbering project to allow for future growth in the code. What is the status of the project? When will an electronic draft be available for the public to review?

11:40 7. Other Items / Adjourn